

striking "and community-based family support services" and inserting ", community-based family support services, time-limited family reunification services, and adoption promotion and support services".

(B) EVALUATIONS.—Subparagraphs (B) and (C) of section 435(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629d(a)(2)) are each amended by striking "and family support" each place it appears and inserting ", family support, family reunification, and adoption promotion and support".

(C) PROGRAM TITLE.—The heading of subpart 2 of part B of title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

**"Subpart 2—Promoting Adoptive, Safe, and Stable Families".**

(c) EMPHASIZING THE SAFETY OF THE CHILD.—

(1) REQUIRING ASSURANCES THAT THE SAFETY OF CHILDREN SHALL BE OF PARAMOUNT CONCERN.—Section 432 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629b) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (7)(B), by striking "and" at the end;

(B) by redesignating paragraph (8) as paragraph (9); and

(C) by inserting after paragraph (7), the following:

"(8) contains assurances that in administering and conducting service programs under the plan, the safety of the children to be served shall be of paramount concern; and".

(2) DEFINITIONS OF FAMILY PRESERVATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES.—Section 431(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629a(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by inserting "safe and" before "appropriate" each place it appears; and

(ii) in subparagraph (B), by inserting "safely" after "remain"; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by inserting "safety and" before "well-being"; and

(ii) by striking "stable" and inserting "safe, stable,".

(d) CLARIFICATION OF MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT REQUIREMENT.—

(1) DEFINITION OF NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—Section 431(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 629a(a)), as amended by subsection (b)(2), is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(9) NON-FEDERAL FUNDS.—The term 'non-Federal funds' means State funds, or at the option of a State, State and local funds.".

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by paragraph (1) takes effect as if included in the enactment of section 13711 of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103-33; 107 Stat. 649).

**SEC. 306. HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.**

Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), as amended by section 203(a)(2), is amended—

(1) in paragraph (21), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (22), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(23) provides for health insurance coverage for any child who has been determined to be a child with special needs, for whom there is in effect an adoption assistance agreement (other than an agreement under this part) between the State and an adoptive parent or parents, and who the State has determined cannot be placed with an adoptive parent or parents without medical assistance because such child has special needs for medical, mental health, or rehabilitative care, and that with respect to the provision of such health insurance coverage—

"(A) such coverage may be provided through 1 or more State medical assistance programs;

"(B) the State, in providing such coverage, shall ensure that the medical benefits, including mental health benefits, provided are of the same type and kind as those that would be provided for children by the State under title XIX;

"(C) in the event that the State provides such coverage through a State medical assistance program other than the program under title XIX, and the State exceeds its funding for services under such other program, any such child shall be deemed to be receiving aid or assistance under the State plan under this part for purposes of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(I); and

"(D) in determining cost-sharing requirements, the State shall take into consideration the circumstances of the adopting parent or parents and the needs of the child being adopted.".

**SEC. 307. CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS WHOSE INITIAL ADOPTION HAS BEEN DISRUPTED.**

(a) CONTINUATION OF ELIGIBILITY.—Section 473(a)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 673(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following: "Any child who has been determined to meet the requirements of subparagraph (C), and who has previously been determined eligible for adoption assistance payments under paragraph (1)(B)(ii), who has again become available for adoption because a court has set aside the child's previous adoption or the child's adoptive parents have died, and who fails to meet the requirements of subparagraphs (A) and (B) but would meet such requirements if the child were treated as if the child were in the same financial and other circumstances the child was in the last time the child was determined eligible for adoption assistance payments and the previous adoption were treated as having never occurred, shall be treated as meeting the requirements of this paragraph for purposes of paragraph (1)(B)(ii).".

(b) APPLICABILITY.—The amendment made by subsection (a) shall only apply to children who become available for adoption because a court has set aside the child's previous adoption, or the child's adoptive parents have died, and whose subsequent adoption occurs on or after October 1, 1997.

**SEC. 308. STATE STANDARDS TO ENSURE QUALITY SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE.**

Section 471(a) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 671(a)), as amended by section 306, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (22), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (23), by striking the period and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

"(24) provides that, not later than January 1, 1999, the State shall develop and implement standards to ensure that children in foster care placements in public or private agencies are provided quality services that protect the safety and health of the children.".

**TITLE IV—MISCELLANEOUS**

**SEC. 401. PRESERVATION OF REASONABLE PARENTING.**

Nothing in this Act is intended to disrupt the family unnecessarily or to intrude inappropriately into family life, to prohibit the use of reasonable methods of parental discipline, or to prescribe a particular method of parenting.

**SEC. 402. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

Any information required to be reported under this Act shall be supplied to the Sec-

retary of Health and Human Services through data meeting the requirements of the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System established pursuant to section 479 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 679), to the extent such data is available under that system. The Secretary shall make such modifications to regulations issued under section 479 of such Act with respect to the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System as may be necessary to allow States to obtain data that meets the requirements of such system in order to satisfy the reporting requirements of this Act.

**SEC. 403. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING STANDBY GUARDIANSHIP.**

It is the sense of Congress that the States should have in effect laws and procedures that permit any parent who is chronically ill or near death, without surrendering parental rights, to designate a standby guardian for the parent's minor children, whose authority would take effect upon—

- (1) the death of the parent;
- (2) the mental incapacity of the parent; or
- (3) the physical debilitation and consent of the parent.

**PRIVATE RELIEF ACT**

**HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 1615**

Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. HATCH) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1304) for the relief of Belinda McGregor; as follows:

**SECTION 1.** At page 1, line 7, delete "lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "selected for a diversity immigrant visa for FY 1998".

**SECTION 2.** At page 2, lines 4 and 5, change (a) to (c).

**THE GROUP HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL SERVICES FEDERAL CHARTER REPEAL ACT**

**THOMPSON AMENDMENT NO. 1616**

Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. THOMPSON) proposed an amendment to the bill to repeal the Federal charter of Group Hospitalization and Medical Services, Inc., and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 8, line 15, strike "(2)".

**THE UNIFORM RELOCATION ASSISTANCE AND REAL PROPERTY ACQUISITION POLICIES ACT AMENDMENTS ACT OF 1997**

**BENNETT AMENDMENT NO. 1617**

Mr. CRAIG (for Mr. BENNETT) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1258) to amend the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 to prohibit an alien who is not lawfully present in the United States from receiving assistance under that Act; as follows:

On page 2, line 3, strike "(a)".

On page 3, line 4, strike "under this Act,".

On page 3, beginning on line 5, strike "on the basis of race, color, or national origin".